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## ATTORNEY GENERAL LAXALT ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER

**Las Vegas, NV –** Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced that Elisa Seering, 47, of Las Vegas, was sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving the submission of false Medicaid claims.

Seering was sentenced for one misdemeanor offense of submitting false claims, Medicaid fraud, by Justice Court Judge Ann Zimmerman. Zimmerman sentenced Seering to 60 days incarceration, suspended, performance of 50 hours of community service and payment of \$581.00 in restitution. The fraud occurred during October 2012.

"Although the dollar amount might seem small, prosecution of these types of crimes helps to deter future crimes against the Medicaid system," said Laxalt. "Convictions and repayment of Medicaid funds helps ensure that Medicaid recipients are receiving needed services."

The investigation began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received information that Seering had allegedly not provided behavioral health services to Medicaid recipients while employed by two behavioral health companies. The investigation revealed that Seering had submitted documentation for services alleged provided to Medicaid recipients that was false. The documentation contained conflicting times for services between the two behavioral health companies. The documentation was also false as it contained information for services that did not occur, or were for services that were not for the length of time as noted in the documentation.



The MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

To file a complaint, with our office, click <u>here</u>. To view the criminal Information, click <u>here</u>.

The case was prosecuted by Andrew Schulke, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

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